THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 23rd April 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Boiler Inspectors in the Province.

* 158-A *Q.*—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Boiler Inspectors have to make surprise inspection and if so, how many times a year;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of Inspectors;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to increase their status; and

(*d*) if so, in what stage it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes; at least once a year.

" (*b*) The Chief Inspector of Boilers has reported that the question is under his examination and that he will submit proposals shortly.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The Chief Inspector of Boilers has reported that proposals for improvement in the conditions of service, salaries, travelling allowance and conveyance allowance are under examination and will be submitted to Government through the Chief Engineer (General, Buildings and Defence)."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know the number of boilers, Boiler Inspectors are expected to inspect at least once a year? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Notice."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Chief Inspector of Boilers did not submit proposals for increasing the emoluments of the Boiler Inspectors to the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the revision of salaries? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Were not the Heads of Departments invited to send their proposals for the revision of salaries to the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the revision of salaries? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."